

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 898

By Bowers

A RESOLUTION to honor and commend Marion G. Brewer,
Principal of Oakhaven Middle/High School in
Memphis.

WHEREAS, the members of this General Assembly recognize that there can be no greater influence on a child than that of a good teacher; and

WHEREAS, time spent in the classroom is an investment that will reap great dividends not only for the present, but for future generations as well; and

WHEREAS, Marion G. Brewer has generously shared his skills, compassion, and enthusiasm with the many valued students of Oakhaven Middle/High School as their Principal; under his tireless leadership, students have been encouraged to commit themselves to excellence, academic mastery, and high expectations; and

WHEREAS, by personal example, Marion G. Brewer has set a highly visible standard of citizenship for his students, earning the great respect and admiration of Oakhaven Middle/High School's students, faculty, staff, and parents; and

WHEREAS, the members of the Oakhaven Middle/High School community have many reasons to take pride in their school: Oakhaven students have shown improvements in the 8th and 11th grade Writing Assessment and have also improved their proficiency rate in the Biology Gateway from 2002 to 2004, middle school students showed a 26.5 percent improvement in math assessments, Oakhaven hosted its second Annual Homecoming Community Parade, and the middle school girls' basketball team won the 16AA District Tournament Championship; and

WHEREAS, Oakhaven Middle/High School boasts an enrollment of 763 students and promotion rates of 93.5 percent with an average class size of twenty; moreover, fully 47 percent of the faculty have master's or doctoral degrees, with one-hundred percent having attained their State Teaching Certificate and License; and

WHEREAS, in the 2004-2005 school year, Oakhaven Middle/High School met or exceeded Adequate Yearly Progress (AYP) standards as defined in the No Child Left Behind Act (NCLB); and

WHEREAS, committed to excellence, Oakhaven Middle/High School offers an innovative and effective array of academic programs to help students excel, including PLATO, LIGHT SPAN, Gateway Tutoring, ACT Tutoring, Accelerated Reading, Skill Tracking Software, Spanish Club, Bridge Builders, READ 180, TVA Tutoring, Course Recovery, ACHIEVE, Hawk Eye News, and the National Honor Society; and

WHEREAS, Oakhaven Middle/High School has also partnered with corporations, including the Airport Authority and the Tennessee Valley Authority, to offer rewards and incentives for students on the academic, attendance, and citizenship honor rolls, as well as offering scholarships, summer internships, and employment opportunities; and

WHEREAS, Principal Marion G. Brewer's message to the Oakhaven Middle/High School community is one of substance: "I would advise students to always demonstrate their best behavior and believe that they can make all of their dreams become a reality through hard work and perseverance." Mr. Brewer also expects "students and teachers to develop a mutual admiration for each other as we strive to achieve excellence in all areas."; and

WHEREAS, in his many years in education and educational administration, Marion G. Brewer has, by his commitment, dedication, personal involvement, and enthusiasm for the success of each one of his students, exemplified the very best in teaching excellence; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED FOURTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we hereby honor and commend Marion G. Brewer for his outstanding record as Principal of Oakhaven Middle/High School, and for his many years of dedicated and selfless service to the students under his care as an educator and administrator.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that we thank Marion G. Brewer for his commitment to the education of the youth of his community, his devotion to their best interests, and his many

contributions to his community and to this State. We offer him our best wishes for every success in all his future endeavors and much happiness in the years to come.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.